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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 270

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 1, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Occupational Certification Requirements.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Arnold

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *EMDs, Regulated Amusement Devices, BPV Inspections*- The bill amends various provisions concerning certification and licensing requirements for emergency medical dispatchers (EMDs) and dispatch agencies; regulated amusement device inspectors; elevator mechanics; and boiler and pressure vessel (BPV) inspectors.

Deletions- The bill deletes obsolete provisions.

EMD Certification Repeal- The bill repeals provisions concerning certification requirements for emergency medical dispatchers and dispatch agencies.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *EMDs, Regulated Amusement Devices, BPV Inspections*-

EMDs- The use of approved programs for certification of EMD agencies could mitigate costs to the DHS to certify this profession.

Elevator Mechanics- The bill would change the requirements for licensure from 18 months' experience in the elevator industry and three years related experience. Licensure would include more detailed requirements of "extensive training" as specified within the bill. The bill would change a license holder's renewal to their birthday. This provision would allow the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to spread out the renewal of licenses over a whole year instead of at one date (December 31). The DHS would be able to better utilize their resources with the proposed renewal date change.

Amusement Ride Safety Officials- The provision would allow the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission (FPBSC) to approve another organization to provide certification for a level one amusement ride safety official. The FPBSC would likely be able to approve of another certification organization other than NAARSO within the course of regular business meetings.

BPV Inspections- The Fire and Building Safety Division (FBSD) would be given the authority to inspect BPVs with lapsed operating permits. Currently, if a third-party contractor via an insurance agency does not conduct an inspection, the FBSD does not have the authority to conduct the inspection. The bill does not make an appropriation; therefore, if the FBSD conducts more BPV inspections, they would have to conduct the inspections within their existing level of resources.

EMD Certification Repeal- There would be no fiscal impact as a result of the removal of the requirement for EMDs to be personally certified. Certification rules were not adopted. EMDs on an individual basis are not currently certified.

Background- Elevator Mechanics- There are currently 692 elevator mechanics licensed with the FBSD.

Amusement Ride Safety- There were 924 amusement ride inspections made during 2007.

All Lifting Devices- A total of 13 field inspectors were used by FBSD during 2007, which generated total inspection fee revenue of approximately \$2.5 M.

Explanation of State Revenues: BPV Inspections- If more BPVs are inspected by the FBSD, fee revenue would increase. Fees for BPV inspections are placed in the Fire and Building Service Fund. The amount of revenue for FY 2008 totaled \$935,625. The amount of revenue that could be generated by additional inspections is unknown, as the current fee structure depends on the size of the heating surface area and BPV.

Background- BPV Inspections- There are currently 9,786 BPVs with a lapsed operating permit. There were 26,672 inspections performed during 2007. There are approximately 80,000 BPVs in the state.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DHS.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: *Department of Homeland Security 2007 Annual Report*; Mara Snyder, DHS.

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